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Battle of Saratoga

After a series of setbacks at the hands of the British, American forces under General Horatio Gates (+ Benedict Arnold) defeated the British Army commanded by General John Burgoyne. This battle has since been called one of the most decisive victories in America, a real-life staging of David vs. Goliath. This forced the British to give up their plan of

splitting the colonies. Word of their victory
convinced the French to lend their
prodigious military and financial
support to the American cause

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Following Burgoyne's surrender at Saratoga, the British abandoned Fort Ticonderoga and it would never again be garrisoned by either side!

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Fort Stanwix

[Head of Mohawk R
& Wood Creek]

British Colonel Barry St. Leger with
a force of British, Loyalists and Indians
laid siege to the fort, but the
~~Fort~~ Americans under the command
of Colonel Peter Sansonoot refused
to surrender. Meanwhile General
Nicholas Herkimer gathered up a militia
to aid Sansonoot, but was ambushed
at nearby ORISKANY. Despite the

onslaught, Harkerion and his soldiers also held their ground - even though Harkerion himself had been severely wounded in the attack. The Combined American resistance at Fort Stonewall and Orlinburg convinced the British to abandon the siege and withdraw.

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According to tradition, the first American flag to be flown in Battle was made by the women of Fort Stanwix and flew over its wall during the siege of Fort Stanwix.

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(1710-1785) JONATHAN TRUMBULL

An American Patriot. Born at Lebanon, Conn. Graduated from Harvard (1727) studied law. Governor of Connecticut (1769-1783). Helped to further the patriotic cause in the Revolutionary War. Washington had much faith in his advice and tradition says that his phrase "Let us hear what Brother Jonathan says." gave rise to

the expression which was the
personification of the United States.

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NICOLAS DESMAREST (French
1725-1815) proposed that the
rock basalt is formed from
lava.

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WHITE MARSH, Pa.

After the battle of Germantown, the Americans under George Washington and Varnum took up a position at Whitmarsh, 15 mi north of Philadelphia. Here they encountered the British led by General Howe and after several skirmishes, the Americans were driven from their position. On Dec 8, the British withdrew.

to Philadelphia with a loss of 60 men.
The Americans lost about 100 men.